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Special Prayer Week for World-Wide Revival---May 4-11, 1941

THE FIRST WHOLE WEEK OF MAY ENDING MOTHER'S DAY

The present world crisis with multimillions of men and women, boys and girls out of touch with God, demands special prayer. The need is so tremendously great that outbursts of intercessory prayer can be heard anywhere. Therefore may we all unite our concerted efforts in at least an hour a day of prayer during the first week of May that God will give an old time revival throughout the whole world. Pray until your prayers go through. Pray until the revival starts in your heart. Pray until the flame reaches your neighbor's heart, and until the whole community feels it—the city, the state, the nation, the world. The more sincerely you pray for the unfortunate ones, in proportion, the more will be the blessings of God enriching your own soul. Therefore, let us all pray and believe God for a definite result.

THE harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send labourers into his harvest.—Matt. 9:37.

Notices

Correction

I have just learned that I made an error in my statement in the Evangel of March 8, which read as follows:

"A BIT OF NEWS—GREETINGS TO YOU GEORGIANS

"Already in five district conventions you have raised for missions \$491.74, sent to Headquarters, which is \$6.38 more than all the mission money sent to Headquarters from the district conventions for the nineteen districts of last year . . ."

Brother Boehmer informs me that, unfortunately, two conventions of Georgia last year were not listed with district conventions, the offerings of which added to the total district offerings of last year increased the amount over \$50. Consequently, there is an error in the comparison of these reports. The five district convention offerings of this year were short \$40 or more of being as much as those of the nineteen conventions of last year.

I am very sorry that this error occurred. We appreciate very, very much the progress that is being made and desire to give proper credit to every state and to everybody.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

Dear readers, pastors and overseers: After being ill for a long time, not getting much done for my Lord, due to a very bad nervous condition, I am glad to sound a praise to my blessed Lord for His wonderful healing power. I also thank and praise God for the good prayers that have gone up in my behalf.

Now I am ready for the battlefield for Jesus. If anyone has an opening for me, call me or write me at Alma, W. Va.—Norma L. Miller.

The Illinois state convention will convene at Benton, Ill., May 22-25. Brother R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, is expected to be with us, also Brother E. L. Simmons, Editor and Publisher. Come enjoy this feast. All are welcome.—H. O. Harris, overseer of Illinois.

My address for this year is 401 Jones Ave., Kennett, Mo.—B. W. Elliott.

My address for this year is Rabbit Lake, Sask., Canada.—Glen C. Pettyjohn.

My new address is 35 Sykes Ave., Wadesboro, N. C.—T. J. Looney. I would like to evangelize some. I have only one small work. Wife and I sing together and I play the guitar. Anyone interested in getting us for a revival, get in touch with me at the following address.

—Julius Hammack, Rt. 1, Poplar Creek,

The State of Montana is coming along fine with their \$1.00 per member mission drive. Missoula has gone over the top with \$1.66 per member. Hurrah for Missoula. Come on, Montana, we can put it over. Don't let your church fall short. Pastors, we are depending on you.—John Sharp, overseer of Montana and Western Canada.

District Conventions

Big Island, Mo., district convention will convene at Parma, Mo., June 9-11. B. W. Elliott, district overseer.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Bulletin No. 66, printed at the United States Government Printing Office for the Bureau of Religious Statistics, gives valuable information concerning the Church of God, including four other organizations in the pamphlet.

The price is only 10 cents. Order from the Church of God, E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary, Cleveland, Tenn.

We are constantly having inquiries concerning the Church of God, and this Government information will be very helpful to all our ministers and friends who desire to be better informed as to our work.—Very sincerely, J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

RICHMOND, VA., DIST. CONY'N.

The Richmond, Va., district convention met at Norfolk, Va., March 8, 9. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Our beloved state overseer, Brother W. E. Johnson, was with us from Saturday night through Monday. The following took part on the program during the convention: Brothers Norris, Ambrose, J. O. Eure, Kirk, and Fatie Atkinson. Special music was rendered by Bro. and Sis. Norris, Sister Pearson, Brother Atkinson, Brothers Fred Steele and Jimmie Turner. A \$53.00 mission offering was taken, which was twice that of last year. Brother Mason Turner is with us in a revival now. Please pray.-E. A. Ambrose, pastor.

HOUSTON, TEX., DIST. CONY'N.

The Church of God district convention of the Houston, Tex., district convened Feb. 21-23, at Houston, Tex., with

Brother T. W. Godwin, Texas state overseer, and Brother E. M. Smith in charge.

Those taking part in the song service and special music were: Brothers E. M. Smith, host pastor, Earnestine Fowler, Imogene Radke, Wm. R. Fowler, Sister Span, V. D. Hargrave, state Sunday school and Y. P. E. superintendent, Hazel Barber, Isles Brothers, and A. Schuder.

Those bringing messages and giving talks were: E. M. Smith, host pastor, H. Gourner, Sister T. W. Godwin, state L. W. W. president, T. W. Godwin, state overseer, Sister Waldron, Sister G. B. Bryne, Wm. R. Fowler, J. A. Hall, V. D. Hargrave, state Sunday school and Y. P. E. president, R. D. Span, Sister Marian Smith, A. Schuder, district Y. P. E. superintendent, Brother Isles, D. B. Myers, and J. F. Peet.

The mission offering was taken on Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon the churches on the district reported—Port Arthur, Wm. R. Fowler, pastor; Texla, G. B. Bryne, pastor; Bryant, D. B. Myers, pastor; Houston, E. M. Smith, pastor.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."—Brother H. Gourner, convention clerk, Port Arthur, Tex.

BOAZ, ALA., DISTRICT S. S. AND Y. P. E. CONVENTION

The Boaz, Ala., district convention of the Y. P. E. and Sunday school convened at Guntersville, Ala. Service opened Friday night, Feb. 21, with the presence of the Lord in our midst. After the welcome address, the Boaz Y. P. E. favored us with a play on "The Judgment," after which the altar was filled. One was gloriously saved while many were shouting and praising God. Many were touched by the play.

Service opened Saturday at 10:00 a. m. with many speakers on the Y, P. E's and Sunday schools. God's anointing was on each speaker. Many good things were said to encourage the leaders of our Y. P. E's and Sunday schools. We are more determined to put our programs over the top.

The afternoon service opened with special singing and music. Several Y. P. E. leaders reported. Many wonderful services were reported and all said they were determined to do more. The convention has made us stronger in the Lord. Now we are able to say, I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

We had another wonderful service Saturday night. Brother A. Childers spoke on the Lighted Pathway. God's blessings were there throughout the service. The second speaker failed to speak, the Lord was in our midst so great. The altar was filled at the end of the service.

Sunday there was special singing with an orphanage march and offering of

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THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

A Question: Where Are the Dead?

Text: Job 14:10,"But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?"

Job asked the question, Where is the one when he has given up the ghost? Of course, he means where is the soul, because the soul takes flight at the death of the body. Surely he did not mean where is the physical body, because we all know that the mortal bodies are buried. Yes, he realized that at death that the mortal body did not vanish away. He also knew that the soul, the spirit, had left the physical body at death. And he asked where it went.

Now to prove our statement we will turn to St. Luke 16:19-31. We find here two men, the rich man and Lazarus. Some tell us this is a parable, but that cannot be. But, even if it were, it surely would be a good one. However, Christ's own words say, "There WAS (of course this would have to mean that there was) a certain rich man," (not just any rich man, but a CERTAIN rich man). Do you believe that Jesus knew what He was talking about? Jesus also said, "There was a certain beggar named Lazarus." (There surely must have been two certain men on this earth at that time otherwise Christ's words are not true. I believe He said what He meant and meant what He said and I am taking His word for it, in preference to anything or anyone else.

Jesus said the beggar died. How could a man die that never did live? Jesus didn't say he could have died, etc., but He said this certain beggar DID die, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. Then He said the rich man died also, and was buried; and in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his

Our text is, "Where are the dead?" Now we know that when the rich man died and was buried that he (the mortal body) did not open his eyes in the grave and see. If that were so, why did they bury him, as he would not have been dead? It is this, that man's soul went to hell, and he is there yet, the same kind of hell where all sinners go at death, later to be cast into a lake that burns with fire and brimstone. Rev. 21:8.

Now this beggar was comforted after the death of the body; all his cares were over. But the rich man's troubles had just begun. He lift up his eyes in hell. Bear in mind that this is not the mortal body as it is under the ground, in the grave, but that soul was and is still in hell, and will stay there until the last resurrection, and will stand before God at the white throne judgment to be W. H. COMPTON



judged, then to be cast into the lake of fire that burns with brimstone.

The soul and body separate at the death of the body, just as this rich man's did. If the soul and body stayed together there would be no death, as the soul leaving is what causes death; as long as the spirit, the soul, stays that is how long there is life. The bodies all go to the grave at death in this life and the souls that are righteous go to the paradise of God, those that are sinners go to hell.

Many tell us that there is no consciousness after death, but there is. This rich man was and is still conscious, according to the words of Christ. And so is the beggar. Abraham had left this world many years before these men did, and yet he was conscious. He talked to the rich man. Yes, after death in this life both righteous and unrighteous souls are conscious, They can all see, hear, feel, and talk. We have record of it in Luke 16, and if that is not true then none of the Bible is true. Prov. 14:15 says, "The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going." I believe the Bible, don't you? Paul said, "I believe God," Acts 27:25.

Another proof that the bodies are in the grave and the souls somewhere else is as follows: We read in the Bible where Jesus was crucified. After He had died on the cross, they took Him down and buried Him, yes, put His body in Joseph's grave. But notice, His soul, His spirit, was preaching to those spirits in prison. 1 Peter 3:19. Though His body

was in the grave this did not end His existence as a living soul. There is no such thing as SOUL SLEEPING. Even if there were, it would only seem like a moment from one million years to another. So we have Jesus still living after death of the body, yes, that part that lets us feel, see, talk, and hear.

Why was Jesus still living? Why was the rich man, and Lazarus, and Abraham, and others still living after death? Their bodies had been buried, yet they were living somewhere. Read Jude 6, 7. "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, and are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." How could these people be suffering here if they were dead in both soul and body? It is only the body that death takes; the soul never dies. Matt. 10:28, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

Another thing to prove that the account of the rich man and Lazarus was not a parable is as follows: The rich man, after he saw that he could not get Abraham to send Lazarus to dip his finger in water to cool his tongue, asked him to send Lazarus to his father's house where his five brothers were to warn them not to come to the place where he was. The answer came, "If they won't hear Moses and the prophets, they won't hear one though he rose from the dead."

As John the Revelator saw it in the 4th chapter of Revelation, the antichrist and the false prophet are still in hell after a 1,000 years, because the devil was cast into hell where they ARE, not burned up. Then we notice in Revelation that the souls are under the altar. They are conscious too, yet their bodies are not there. Of course this is hereafter. Let's all get on and stay on the safe side. Don't take any chances.

Now bear in mind that there cannot be anything to the theory of soul sleeping, as mentioned above about the Christ preaching to the spirits in prison. Christ's body was in the grave yet His soul was preaching to the spirits in prison. Surely that lets us know that the spirits in prison to whom Jesus was preaching, were conscious and not asleep, waiting the judgment. If they didn't die in those days, you can't have them dead today, speaking of the soul. The body is the only part

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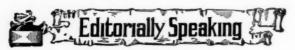
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Acts of Violence FOR many months the front pages of our newspapers have been filled with records of acts of violence in practically all fields of human activity.

At first we think of that which is most ruthless of all violence, the way and manner in which the dictators and their orders which are backing them, are aggressively violating all principles

of international law, treaty obligations, and even the personal rights of citizens which chance to fall across their pathway. It is only through such violence that the dictator of Germany has been able to overrun the peace-loving democracies which have been made vassal states to his now ever-increasing empire. When there is a few days or weeks of quietness within these ranks, it is only because that those in authority are concocting other schemes of violence.

The same papers which carry the news of the violence of the dictators also carry the news of the violence of striking men which has been paralyzing the defence of our country. Leadership that acknowledges no law and order which is against their aims, and which is ready to plunge themselves and their constituency into violence to further their own aims, cannot be said to be lawful, orderly, and peace-loving groups. Violence has no place in the order of Christianity, for those who use it do not respect

The question has been asked, "Can violence ever be connected with the prosecution of the gospel of the Son of God? Is the act of strongly advocating the principles of right against the principles of wrong to be termed as violence?" No, never. The prosecution of the cause of righteousness in a righteous way cannot be called violence, because violence is the use of force; the act of doing an injury to anything which is entitled to respect; to treat roughly and to do violent. The greater crimes which are committed today are said to be acts of violence; in fact, anything which violates law and order is violent, but that which respects law and order, though vigorously opposing evil, cannot be termed as violent.

law; they do not respect society; they do not respect religion.

Every passage in the Word of God where the word "violent" is used it is with respect to those who oppose law and order. Some have thought that in Matt. 11:12, where the word "violence" is used, that it refers to that which was used by those

who sought the kingdom of God; but a close scrutiny of the context as well as the text will show this to be untrue. Jesus said, "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." This means that the kingdom of heaven was at hand from the time that John the Baptist came upon the scene of action, that Jesus Himself was present as the King to receive the kingdom and set up the kingdom of heaven, but that a violent group was against it and that the kingdom of heaven suffered these violent people to take it by force; thus the kingdom of heaven was not set up but was deferred for two thousand years. Christ could have set up His kingdom had it been in God's plan, but it was His plan that He suffer the violence of the evil forces and allow the setting up of the kingdom on earth to be, for the time, defeated.

Paul told Timothy in 2 Tim. 2:24, "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth." Such doctrine was not only the doctrine of Christ and of the Apostle Paul but of all His followers and in no place did their doctrine have a tinge of violence.

The Sifting

The Eternal Conquest

Take their fellow men's life.

Than those of the violent

Are done by the truthful,

They are feet to the lame

But transient are powers

That are won by force;

Their reigning is transient And short is their course.

Must yet conquered b

But those who are Christ's Reign eternally.

For those who have conquered

And eyes to the blind, And never impetuous

Humble and silent

But always kind.

Nation against nation

In war and strife, Men of the earth

But mightier deeds

"THE sifting time is on," said a lady in her testimony, "and I want everybody to pray for me that I will stay in the sifter." It is com-

monly thought by people that the Lord will sift His people, but contrary to this, the prophecy concerning Christ was Matt. 3:

12, "Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." There is a great difference in a fan and a sifter. The fan fans out the bad and keeps the good, while the sifter sifts out the good and keeps the bad. Our Lord certainly does not wish to sift the good out of us and keep the bad but rather to fan everything out of our lives which is unlike Him and keep only those things which will be for our betterment.

In only three places in the Bible is the word "sift" used and each of these refer to judgment allowed to come upon the people by different incursions of the enemy. In Isa. 30:28 a prophecy was made that God would sift the nations with the sieve of vanity, that He would allow the nations round about to come in upon Israel and cause that great tribulation come upon them because of their evil. In Amos 9:9 God said of Israel, "I will sift Israel as corn is sifted," which was ful-

filled in the dispersion of Israel, that is He scattered them all over the world. This was done by great persecution which came upon them in their native land. Jesus said to Peter, Luke 22: 31, "Satan hath desired to have you that he may sift you as wheat," and in view of that which followed, it seems that the enemy came very near sifting the good out of Peter's life, perhaps would have had it not been for the prayers of Jesus that his faith fail not. Great tribulation and incursions of the enemy are ahead of the child of God. Those living in the democracies which have been overrun by totalitarian rule are now suffering such incursions, but the great tribulation will far surpass anything which has heretofore come upon the earth. This will be another great sifting time for the Jews.

Just what is coming upon the Christian world we know not but it is necessary that the Church be prayed up, that she may be able to withstand every weapon which is formed against her, and be ready for glorification in the rapture.

Christ's Coming, the Hope of the Future

REV. L. P. ADAMS

Doubtless these words do not mean anything to the careless and the casual reader. But on the coming again of Jesus Christ hangs the hope of the Church, the restoration of Israel, releasing of nature, the destiny of nations, and the judgment of the world (Titus 2:11-18; Rom. 8:18-23; Jer. 25:12-34; Acts 17:30, 31). The heralding of the Lord's return is the most potent evangelism. The people are wondering what is wrong with the world. That is the Church's opportunity to preach the return of the King. He is not the Christ of the past only, but also of the future-"the same yesterday, and today, and forever." The world is not moving away from the time of Christ, so much as marching toward Him and the time when He shall come in power and great glory. Many today are bothered about prophecy, and are somehow slow to put their faith in it. They seem to forget that we are now living in fulfilled prophecy. The birth of Christ, His death, resurrection, and the Church, was prophecy. The Church occupies the interval between the Lord's ascension and His return. Two things were very definitely fixed in the lives and ministry of the early Church. First, they were to preach the gospel to all the world. Second, they were to keep His appearing as the hope set before them. This was clearly settled and understood before Jesus returned to the glory which He had with the Father before the world was (John 17:5).

1. His second appearing is the hope of the Church.

The Holy Ghost has been with the Church since the day "when pentecost had fully come." This is still the pentecostal or golden age. It began with the "former rain" and was to close with the "latter rain" which is the time of the end of the Gentile age and the restoring of the Jews to their national home, Palestine. The Church on earth is in her closing hours. Out from the entire body of the nominal church the Holy Ghost is calling an elect company who love His appearing and who will hasten the day of God. They will be singled out as a distinct body of prayerful watchers for His appearing. And I now predict that the next great awakening of revival power will be on the definite line of the coming of the Lord. The Holy Ghost will be poured out "as floods upon the dry ground" (Isa. 44:1-3), and the coming of the Lord will be the leading theme. If the Church had kept filled with the Holy Ghost, charged with power (dynamite), and stood against sin and disease, the second coming of the Lord would not have been left in the background of the messages as it is today. It is the needed message in these closing days. It is the hope of the Church,

and it will be proclaimed yet in power. "Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ." In her hours of trial, in her days of holy separation, in her life and ministry of sacrifice, and in her devotion of service and suffering, the Church has had the comfort of the Holy Ghost, and as her hope the coming again of the Lord Jesus (Acts 1:9-11). She is in the world but not of it (John 17:14). Her headquarters is where her Head is. "And as he is so are we in the world." In service she is in the world for Him, waiting, looking, hoping, and hastening His coming. In positional faith she is seated with Him in the heavenlies (Eph. 2:4-7). As a called-out, separated people, "members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones" (Eph. 5:30), living out the prophecies of the Old and New Testament, being warned of God's judgments upon the world in the last days (Jude 14), she is to fix her hope beyond "the skyline," and preach the appearing of the King that shall "reign in righteousness" (Isa. 32:1; Jer. 23:5), "and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth." It is now the time to proclaim His soon coming as the signs multiply on land and sea and in the air. The Church must take the position as one that waiteth for her Lord. She must be in the place of watching as well as working. For there is no other truth that will move to active service and 'watching faith" as the "blessed hope" of His soon appearing. Each year, day, and hour brings that blessed event nearer. Some time it will be just one year, one day, and then one hour to His appearing.

The objection is brought up that the year and the day for His coming have been set several times. But, dear reader, that does not change the truth of His second coming. That only fulfills prophecy, as we are told that false prophets and teachers would arise and deceive many in the last days (Matt. 24; 2 Peter 2). If possible they will deceive the very electand the elect ones are those who are looking for the Lord to come. It will hardly be probable that the entire Church will be looking for Him to come, for the Scriptures state that some will lapse into coldness of love and deadness of faith. and lose the faith of His coming, if they ever had it. The time is now, when believers in His coming must come out and be identified in this faith and promise, proclaim the truth joyfully and powerfully, and look for His return with expectant faith (Heb. 10:12). This will be pleasing to the Lord, and the Holy Ghost will witness to it in mighty power. To be indifferent to His coming surely grieves

the Spirit, and hinders prayer and faith. But remember, we are not setting the hour, the day, nor the year, for the signs are sufficient to warn us that the coming of, the Lord draweth nigh.

2. The restoration of the Jews.

Any national movement must effect the Jews either directly or indirectly. They are closely connected with the King and His kingdom. When they were scattered among all nations, because of their disobedience, God promised He would gather them and plant them in their own land, "and they should never be plucked up." They have been without a king and prophet for centuries, but in the "latter days" will return to their home land and seek the Lord. "For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without a tersphim; Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and his goodness in the latter days" (Hosea 3:4, 5). "Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whether they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land. And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all" (Ezek. 37:15-22). And when the antichrist's army begins to compass them around, God says He will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem, and will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and supplication: "and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn" (Zech. 12:9-12). "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen" (Rev. 1:7). "And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: In that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one" (Zech. 14:9-16). This will bring us to the end of iniquity, the end of the world empire, the end of antichrist, and the end of Satan for one thousand years (Rev. 20:1-3), and then forever (Rev. 20:10). His coming is the hope of Israel.

3. The coming of the Lord will bring all creation out from the bondage of corruption.

All creation waiteth for the manifesta-(Continued on page 14)

Mission Report

CASH RECEIPTS For January, February, March		Michigan	119.04
		Minnesota	
		Mississippi	50.89
Alabama\$	265.36	Missouri	57.01
Arizona	4.05	Montana	
Arkansas	34.67	Nebraska	.87
California	45.52	New Jersey	16.70
Colorado	2.21	New Mexico	48.42
Delaware	10.26	North Carolina	1,238.19
District of Columbia	13.64	North Dakota	12.56
Florida .	741.28	Ohio	245.30
Georgia	998.19	Oklahoma	
Idaho	13.58	Oregon	4.61
Illinois	140.27	Pennsylvania	118.32
Indiana	66.34	South Carolina	695.96
Iowa	13.46	South Dakota	
Kansas	13.31	Tennessee	
Kentucky	86.09	Texas	
Louisiana	36.04	Virginia	
Maine	4.48	Washington	
Maryland	215.74	West Virginia	
Massachusetts	4.14	Wisconsin	1.57

Reports From the Field

PENN. GOING OVER THE TOP!

The purpose of this report is to compliment the ministry and membership of the Church of God in Pennsylvania for their efforts and faithfulness in carrying out the state's program. The ministers at the Pennsylvania ministers' meeting agreed on a program which was the heaviest the state had ever had, but all left with a determination to carry it out. The results so far have been wonderful and all are working at their post of duty faithfully. The monthly reports are coming in near the one hundred per cent mark. Church clerks, Y. P. E. and Sunday school secretaries, work hard to get your reports in on time.

REVIVALS

Several revivals have been conducted in the state this year with success; two new churches organized and at present we are in a revival at Waynesboro with a full house and great prospects. New Sunday schools and Y. P. E's are being organized. Yes, our motto is "Over the top with the program." The state evangelist is on the job, so is the state Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendent. What a smooth-working machine the church in Pennsylvania has when all work together.

GREAT ANNIVERSARY SERVICE IN BROTHER STOPPE'S CHURCH IN READING

Just attended the fifteenth anniversary

service in Reading and it was well attended; a full house on Sunday night. All rallied to the support of a blessed service and helped to raise money on the church debt. Souls were saved and a great work is being accomplished.

New church buildings are being erected in several places. The true facts of the matter are, all are working, the Church's interests are promoted and we are not planning on letting up but to press on. The let-up time will come when the battle is won and the victory realized in the coming of Jesus, whose coming will be for the faithful. Let us be faithful to the end. Remember the great camp meeting of the Church of God for Pennsylvania July 19-27, inclusive, at Somerset. Many plans are being made for a great feast for the people of God at that time. We are taking this method of inviting all who can, from other states, to be with us.-Paul H. Walker, state overseer.

THE COLORED WORK IN THE

In 1940 the Assembly in Jacksonville elected me as Northern States field worker for the orphanage work (colored), and I was to do pioneer work in the Northern States. I want to say we had the best women's day in the history of the church when the convention (state) met at Haverford Avenue Church of God in Philadelphia in August, 1940. I attended

the convention in Chattanooga (October, 1940) and the orphanage work there encouraged me.

Well, on November 12, 1940, I started on a get-acquainted tour. I visited the New York mission at East 119 Street and the Brooklyn mission; stopped in Philadelphia, Norristown, Pa., and Woodbury, N. J. I organized some Dorcas Sewing Circles where none were set up. My expenses were paid by the churches and I had a small sum to send to the colored orphanage at Eustis, Fla. There were some Christmas boxes sent from the various churches, benefit of that visit to the churches.

After much prayer I felt it was time to go and see how the women's work was getting along. Jan. 28, 1941, I arrived safely in New York City. I was met at 24th Street station by the pastor of the Church of God, Elder N. S. Heastie, and then I began our visit and to lay plans for a special drive to help build a new boys' dormitory in Eustis, Fla., where our orphanage and school is located. I found the saints encouraged to work and go to the Assembly in Jacksonville which will convene May 4-11, 1941, After visiting New York, Brooklyn and stopping at Norristown and Philadelphia I went to set up a sewing circle (Dorcas) at Camden, N. J., also found the sewing circle in Woodbury working fine. Now I praise . God for the women's work in the Northern States. I request your prayers that God will bless us to help build a boys' new dormitory this year .- Ethel R. Vannall, (colored).

CARLSBAD & JAL DIST. CONV'NS.

The Carlsbad district convention began Friday night, Feb. 21, with our beloved state overseer, Brother H. E. Ramsey, in charge. It was said to be the best that was ever held on that district. Brother Vail, our state Sunday school and Y. P. E. superintendent, also district pastor at Hot Springs, brought the message Friday night which seemed to pull the power down that continued all through the convention. Brother Watts, of Hot Springs, brought a wonderful message Saturday morning. Sister Vail spoke in the afternoon. Brother John Moore, pastor at Artesia, spoke Sunday morning. Brother Ford and wife, of Hobbs, with their singers, were there, and best of all, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost were there through it all. A special mission offering of \$16.00 was taken. Brother Oscar Gregory is pastor at Carlsbad.

The Jal district convention began Friday night, Feb. 28. Truly it was the best on that district. Rev. C. H. Moore, an ordained minister of the Four Square Gospel, spoke Friday night. Brother Moore and wife came in the church during the convention. Brother Ford, pastor at

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History of Bethelite Mission in Barbados, Now United With the Church of God

EVANGELIST ROSA B. HAWKINS

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

During the year 1927 I had a very definite call from the Lord to enter into the missionary work in Barbados. Upon

consulting an atlas I found Barbados to be a rather small island in the British West Indies.

Many of my friends strongly opposed my proposed mission, but I considered the Barbadian my own people, as they had originally been brought from Africa as slaves. On December 17, 1927, just three weeks after God had said "Go" I had started on my voyage. Naturally I found the ways and habits of the natives quite

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Bethelite Mission, Barbados, B. W. I. The inset is Rosa B. Hawkins.

EAVES FROM THE FIG.

An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy

Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," Matt. 24:32.

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

Budapest, Hungary, April 3-Count Pal Teleki the sixty-two-year-old Premier, who aligned Hungary with the Axis, but fought to keep her from falling completely under German domination, was found dead in bed today, and authoritative sources said he had put a bullet through his own brain. Teleki is reported to have told the Cabinet last night: "The future is hopeless." Men in official positions who are lovers of their homeland and fatherland are doing the ropewalking act today in a desperate effort to save the independence of their countries and at the same time to avert the horrors of war.

The following announcement of church services appeared in the Chillicothe daily paper of March 22, 1941, "St. Paul's Church. 7:30 A. M. Holy Communion. 9:15 A. M. Church School. 10:30 A. M. Holy confirmation and sermon. Monday evening 6:30 P. M. Bishop's Dinner, sponsored by the Laymen's League, at which the Bishop of the Diocese will be the speaker. Tuesday: DANC-ING SCHOOL AFTERNOON AND EVENING." Such godlessness in a church bearing the name of the holy St. Paul! Evidently this church doesn't even have a "form of godliness" whose power they might deny.

"Weston, Mass., April 1-A very severe earthquake, probably in Peru or Northern Bolivia, was reported today at Weston College. Rev. Daniel J. Linehan, S. J. seismologist, said the shock was first recorded at 6:50 o'clock E. S. T. He described it as the "strongest we've recorded in a month." No serious damage followed, but it is another warning from God.

TIME for April 7 says: "Last week 43,000 cases of measles were reported from all sections of the U.S. This figure is slightly less than the all-time high of 1938. Since the current epidemic has not run its course, it may be the worst in U. S. history." "PESTILENCES."

The miners of coal, the rollers of steel, the makers of machinery, the transport workers and thousands of other laboring men are striking and thereby delaying

necessary defense production. Industrial management and labor leaders seem to be hopelessly deadlocked. It is to be devoutly hoped that the President's new board, composed of such able men as Dr. Dykstra and his colleagues, will be able to untangle the present untidy mess. Otherwise, the government may be forced, in the interest of national defense, to assume temporary management of various plants and factories. The President did a most commendable thing when he refused to sanction a law banning strikes. HOW-EVER. IF CHAOS AND DISGRUNT-LEMENT CONTINUE, HE MAY BE FORCED TO RESORT TO THIS EX-PEDIENT.

Jugoslavia is the thirteenth nation, I believe, to be attacked by the Nazi army and air force. Where others surrendered after desultory fighting, it is believed that the Serbs, Croats and Slavs, who make up the Balkan Kingdom, will fight. Turkey is still neutral. Russia remains the huge question mark. Britain is desperately trying to stem the tide in the Balkan countries. FROM ANY ANGLE WE MAY LOOK, THE WAR STILL SPREADS.

The following is an editorial from the Cincinnati Enquirer of April 7: "The sale of beer is legal in all 48 states. Whether we deplore or laud this fact, a majority of us will agree that the brewers have tried hard to put the manufacture and distribution of their product on a high plane. The brewing of beer is a tremendous business. The retail volume of sales in the eight-year period approximates THIRTEEN BILLION DOLLARS." That is a lot of money, my brethren. AND ALL SPENT FOR THAT WHICH SATISFIETH NOT. It is another indication of the day we live in. The utter godlessness of the world outside the church.

NEWSWEEK says the following: "Some SEVEN TO NINE MILLION PERSONS ARE STILL OUT OF WORK, ready to fill newly created jobs and also vacancies on WPA. Much of the step-up in production of war materials, however, has been accomplished by putting part-time employees on full time or

working full-time employees overtime, rather than hiring new workers. Furthermore, most WPA workers are not adapted to defense jobs. Their average age is 43, two-thirds of them are unskilled and many have lost their skill during idleness. With all the spent billions of dollars all these millions are still out of work and dependent upon the largess of their government for a livelihood. In the labor situation today, we SEE A FULFILL-MENT OF THE 5th CHAPTER OF JAMES.

The dictators talk largely today of the "NEW ORDER" they plan on establishing. They speak of the old order giving way that the NEW ORDER might come forth. They are speaking truer than they know. There will be a new order for those who fail to walk with God. It will be an order completely dominated by antichrist.

"London, April 7.-The British Government levied a 50 per cent income tax upon its people today to help meet a record war-time budget and disclosed that in the financial year ending March 31, 1942, supplies ordered in the United States would exceed TWENTY BILLION DOLLARS. This all-time-high income tax was announced with a budget estimated at approximately SEVENTEEN BILLION DOLLARS." That means that out of every dollar earned, fifty cents, or one-half, will go toward financing the fighting machine of Britain. Other warring countries are facing times equally as difficult. It can't be helped. There is no way to avoid these things. This same thing will, inevitably, come to America. It means "PERILOUS TIMES."

The writer recently heard an able minister make the statement that these fine American boys, who were unsaved, and entering the armed service for their country, would make a vital part of the armies that would fight for antichrist. This seems hard and sounds awful. He based his argument on Rev. 13:7, "AND POWER WAS GIVEN HIM OVER ALL KINDREDS, and TONGUES, and NATIONS." This minister also used Rev. 19:19: "And I saw the beast and the (Continued on page 15)

Question Box

Ouestion: We find in the Scripture these three persons filled with the Holy Ghost-Elizabeth, Luke 1:41; Zacharias, Luke 1:67; Simeon, Luke 2:25. Please explain these scriptures - John 7:39 and John 20:22. Did the apostles have the Holy Ghost before the day of Pentecost? -E. B.

Answer: We are told in the scriptures cited that Elizabeth and Zacharias were filled with the Holy Ghost. It could be added that John the Baptist and Mary the mother of Jesus were also filled with the Holy Ghost. It is incorrect, however, to say that Simeon was filled with the Holy Ghost as the passage with reference to him says the Holy Ghost was upon him. We are also told that Old Testament characters were filled with the Holy Ghost. But none of these passages mean that they were baptized in the Holy Ghost. The scripture in John 7:39 plainly shows this. "(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given, because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)" In John 14:16 we have, from the mouth of Jesus, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." In John 15: 26 we have a similar rendering from the words of Jesus. In Acts 1:8 we have, from the pen of Luke who makes the record of Elizabeth and Zacharias being filled with the Holy Ghost, that Jesus said unto them, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." In all of these quotations Jesus declares the Holy Ghost is not given until He is glorified, that the Holy Ghost will come, etc. Had the baptism of the Holy Ghost already been given, He would not have spoken in future terms.

John 20:22, "And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost." This does not mean that they received the Holy Ghost right then, but He had already told them that they would receive the Holy Ghost and that they should tarry for the Holy Ghost, this, therefore, was His command that the Holy Ghost be

For the last part of the question, "Did the apostles have the Holy Ghost before Pentecost," we would say, No, for Jesus told them in Acts 1:8, "But ye shall re-

ceive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." In the 5th verse He had told them, "But ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." In the 4th verse He had told them not to leave Jerusalem but wait for the promise of the Father. This is certainly sufficient proof that they had not already received the experience. It is also very significant that Mary the mother of Jesus was with this number who were tarrying for the baptism with the Holy Ghost.

Question: In 1 Cor. 6:9 the Scripture says no adulterer shall enter the kingdom of heaven vet Iesus offered the woman at the well living water (John 4:14), which means the Holy Ghost, Does John 4:14 contradict 1 Cor. 6:9?-E. B.

Answer: There is no contradictions in the Scripture. It is true, and the Bible bears it out from every angle, that an adulterer cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven, neither can a murderer nor a thief nor any other sinner; but when one quits sinning he is no longer a sinner; when one quits committing adultery he is no longer an adulterer, and every sin is forgiven a man except the sin against the Holy Ghost. So it is that living water is offered to all except those who have blasphemed His name, and Peter said on the day of Pentecost that the Holy Ghost was for those to whom he was speaking, and to their children and to all that were afar off, even as many as the Lord our God would

Ouestion: Please explain Rev. 20:8. Who is Gog and Magog?—E. C.

Answer: The name "Gog" is found in Ezek. 38 and 39. In the Revised Version he is known as the prince of Rosh, Mesheck, and Tubal; in the Authorized Version, the chief prince of Mesheck and Tubal, whom Ezekiel said would invade the restored land of Israel from the far distant northern land by the appointment of God in the last times, and with a powerful army of numerous nations (Ezek. 38:1-9) with the intention of plundering Israel now dwelling in security, that the Lord may sanctify upon him before all the world. Verses 10-16. When Gog shall fall upon Israel he is to be destroyed by the wrathful judgment from the Lord, that nations may know that God is the Lord. Verses 17-23. On the mountains of Israel will Gog, with all of his hosts and nations, succumb to the judgments of God. Ezek. 39:1-8.

The word "Magog" means "regions of Gog" or, as is said by Ezekiel, "land of the region of Gog," or "land of Magog." Since Gog is the chief prince of Rosh, many scholars think that the land of Russia is the ancient land of Rosh.

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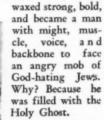
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GOLDEN TEXT FOR LESSON 3

Acts 4:31, "And they were all filled (refilled) with the Holy Ghost and they spake the word of God with boldness."

To be filled or refilled with the Holy Ghost is present cure for timidity, etc. Peter snapped right out of fear. He



A newspaper says a druggist in London is advertising courage pills to those afraid during air raids. These pills make them

bold and unafraid. That could be a jest, but this is no jest-the Holy Ghost will actually make you bold. It will make you righteous and that gives you boldness. Proverbs 28:1.

In order to be bold we need food or a tonic that produces boldness. A young lady felt the call to preach but was somewhat timid, afraid of the crowd, and she asked us what would help her or how could she ever face a crowd. I told her to eat God's Word. It gives boldness. It makes foreheads like an adamant-harder than flint. Ezek. 3:9. Fortune befriends the bold. (Dryden)

A little boy said, "I know why my dog is a coward and won't fight. I know now why he is running away; it's that rabbit I fed him yesterday."

Brother, sister, if we aim to resist the devil; if we aim to fight a good fight; if we run to battle (like David did) and not from it; we need something within besides fables, fiction and the perishable filth of this world.

To know what to say and be afraid to say it (at the right time and place and in the right spirit) is for the lack of boldness, and a cowardly preacher is to be pitied more than a henpecked husband.

When a preacher gets the week knee and the yellow streak and begins apologizing for the truth, the devil takes down his gun saying, "It's no use to shoot now."

It's hard to discourage the man who

lives on the bread of life.

When a preacher is afraid to declare the wages of sin is death, it may be he is afraid he will lose his wages.

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REPORTS

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Hobbs, brought a wonderful message, Saturday morning. Rev. Power, a young preacher of the Assembly of God, spoke in the afternoon. Brother John Moore spoke Saturday night. Rev. W. W. Smethers, district overseer from Big Spring, Texas, brought a wonderful message Sunday morning. A special mission offering of \$52.00 was taken. A revival began here at Jal that Sunday night of the convention, the Ramsey Band in charge. God is still blessing, the revival is still going and several have prayed through. We have found a wonderful group of saints here at Jal. We certainly do love them, and from the way they take care of us, we believe they love us, for actions speak louder than words .- J. C. Pennington, pastor at Jal.

Church Lots and Buildings

BIG SPRING, Tex.—This being our second year on this district, we want to express our appreciation for the hand of God that has been our guide. We have been blessed in many ways, especially in lots and buildings. The church has just completed a nice four-room manse with all modern conveniences, hot and cold water, and the church and manse are insured and there is no encumberance on any of the property. Also, we have one extra lot donated to the church by Brother S. P. Benton.

Stanton, twenty miles west of Big Spring, has been blessed with a nice lot, donated by Brother and Sister Eaton, formerly of Jal, N. Mex., with a new building nearing completion, clear of indebtedness. Brother Pole and Sister Fuller are working there at present.

Lamesa, Brother J. J. Gilly, pastor, has done a good work there by adding living quarters and finishing the church building.

Sweetwater, Brother F. C. Dozier, pastor, is contemplating a new church building as their present building is far too small. They also have their manse, which is all clear of encumberance. We thank

the Lord for all these good things, our L. W. W. B., Y. P. E. and Sunday schools at each church. Sister Artie Pole is district Y. P. E. president.

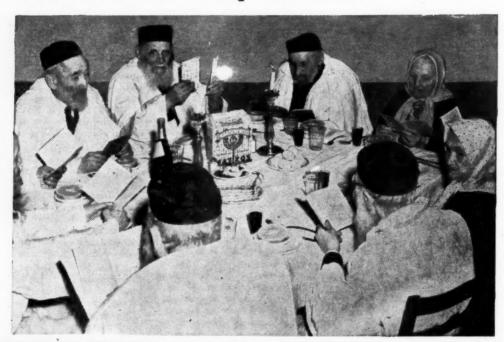
Last but not least, we certainly appreciate our competent, faithful working state overseer, Brother T. W. Godwin.

Come on, pastors, church clerks, Y. P. E., Sunday school, and L. W. W. B. leaders and workers, let's be prompt with our reports to their respective places. Remember your quotas. We want to go over the top one hundred per cent on everything this year. If you need information on the Y. P. E. and Sunday school, contact Brother V. D. Hargrave, Box 213, Weatherford, Texas, state superintendent. Call us when you need us and pray for the work on the district.—W. W. Smethers, Box 24.

SPECIAL NOTICE

How is the coupon drive progressing in your church? Remember this drive closes May 15 (only four more weeks).

Jews Internationally Celebrate Passover



JEWS OVER ALL THE WORLD assembled Friday, April 11, for the seven-day celebration of the Feast of the Passover, commemorative of their release from Egyptian bondage thirty-five centuries ago. At the Home of Old Israel in New York, a group of centenarians retold the story of the exodus from the Hagadah. As part of the ritual, Reb Avrum Kohn recited the blessing as he broke the matzo. Though these representatives of Israel have passed their one hundredth birthday, they still remember their God and celebrate their marvelous deliverance from Egypt.

Orphanage Reports

CASH RECEIPTS

For January, February, March

For January, February, M	arch
Alabama	\$ 366.75
Arizona	
Arkansas	
California	72.11
Colorado	1.06
Delaware	13.97
District of Columbia	7.43
Florida	566.37
Georgia	663.22
Idaho	15.78
Illinois	209.11
Indiana	45.00
Iowa	
Kansas	35.54
Kentucky	186.23
Louisiana	35.15
Maine	
Maryland	239.76
Massachusetts	7.67
Michigan	163.23
Minnesota	4.21
Mississippi	92.94
Missouri	130.23
Montana	35.60
Nebraska	3.80
New Jersey	8.53
New Mexico	23.68
North Carolina	856.13
North Dakota	34.80
Ohio	395.73
Oklahoma	54.45
Oregon	11.64
Pennsylvania	222.88
South Carolina	
South Dakota	25.78
Tennessee	
Texas	219.12
Virginia -	
Washington	13.93
West Virginia	462.55
Wyoming	3.53

Miscellaneous

January, February, March

Alabama

Mrs. Mozell Townson, Alabama City-1 quilt.

The Church of God, Anniston-2 towels, 6 yds. print. L. W. W. B., Piedmont—1 quilt.

Arkansas

Mrs. C. C. Rains, Marked Tree-2 prs. pillow cases, 5 hdkfs.

Florida

Jettie Dubberly, Frostproof-1 quilt. Y. P. E., Manatee-11 towels, 3 washcloths, 4 hdkfs., 1 bar soap.

Indiana

The Church of God, Ft. Wayne-Worn: 20 dresses, 1 slip, 2 skirts, 4 prs. hose, 3 prs. panties, 4 playsuits.

Mrs. F. Wildason, Ft. Wayne-

dresses, 3 sweaters.

Kentucky

Cecil Bridges, state Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendent-15 sheets, 3 bedspreads, 34 prs. pillow cases, 3 quilts, 2 tubes toothpaste, 9 bars soap, 2 prs. cotton pants, 24 towels, 7 washcloths, 21/2 yds. print, 1 doll, 1 playsuit. Worn: 2 shirts, 1 snowsuit, 1 pr. snowpants.

Cecil Bridges, Somerset-2 quilts, 98 prs. pillow cases, 99 towels, 35 sheets, 23 dresses, 48 bars soap, 19 hdkfs., 1 blanket, 73 yds. domestic, 12 bedspreads, 26 washcloths, 21 yds. print, 1 pr. shoes, 2 sweaters, 4 coats, 3 blouses, 2 prs. underwear, 1 snowsuit, 3 scarfs, 2 shirts, 1 pillow tick, 4 prs. hose. Worn: 6 prs.

Massachusetts

Irene Frost, Worcester-Worn: 1 coat, 1 purse, 2 prs. shoes, 2 skirts, 1 pr. pajamas, 2 prs. gloves, 2 dresses.

North Carolina

The Church of God, Roanoke Rapids-1 quilt, 3 towels, 1 pr. socks, 1 shirt, 1 pr. shorts, 1 tablecloth, 8 yds. print, 1 pr. pillow cases, 1 scarf.

The Church of God, Warrenton-1

quilt.

South Carolina

L. W. W. B., Ninety Six-2 prs. shoes, 4 prs. anklets, 4 towels, 4 dresses, 3 1/2 yds. print, 1 quilt, 2 yds. lace, 11 yds. domestic, 1 bar soap, 1 shirt, 1 tie.

Tennessee

The Church of God, Kingsport-12 towels.

Texas

The Church of God, Ft. Worth-12 towels, 8 yds. print, 1 quilt top, 1 box hdkfs., 2 blouses, 2 washcloths, 1 dress, 1 pr. boots.

Mrs. Nettie Wood, Ladonia-1 quilt

The Church of God, Weatherford district-36 yds. print, 2 spools thread, 1 pr. hose, 2 prs. anklets, 1 pr. coveralls, 2

prs. panties, 13 towels, 2 washcloths. The Church of God, Wichita Falls—6 towels, 6 prs. pillow cases, 12 washcloths, 7 skeins embroidery thread, 3 dish tow-els, 1 sheet, 1 scarf. Worn: 9 dresses, 4 blouses, 1 jacket, 1 suit underwear, 3 skirts, 2 slips, 2 sweaters, 1 hat, 1 cap.

N. L. Suiten, Vernon-4 towels, 21/4 yds. print, 1 pr. pillow cases, 1 sheet, 5 dish cloths, 1 slip. Worn: 2 dresses.

Virginia

The Church of God, Monarat-1 quilt. Junior Y. P. E., Monarat-1 quilt, 1 pin cushion.

West Virginia

Mrs. A. T. Little, Parkersburg - 1 quilt, 4 towels, 3 washcloths, 12 tea tow-

Working For God in the **Face of the Enemy**

GREAT FALLS, S. C .- I praise God for His wonderful healing power. On Jan. 26 Brother R. V. Dillingham, our district Sunday school and Y. P. E. superintendent, went to Kershaw to help get a Sunday school started. On arriving at the home we were met at the door and told that all had the flu. After we could not have the service as we planned, we decided not to let the enemy have anything on us as the York Band was with Brother Dillingham. They gave us some good mu-The power of God came down. Brother Raily lying in bed began to praise God. Then Brother Dillingham brought a short message on healing after which we all gathered by the beds and began calling on God. There were four in bed. When we left the room and went into another to pray, Brother Raily got up and said he was healed, also his little boy. All said they were feeling better. Besides the York Band some of the good brothers from Great Falls were with us. Pray for God to continue to bless us at Kershaw.-L. C. Self, pastor.

GOOD NEWS TO ALL

Do you remember the Greenville, S. C., Church of God male quartet, which has given such fine music in our Assemblies each year? You do! This being the case, you will want phonograph records by them for your home use, broadcasts on radio and loud speaker outfits.

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"I Will Slip Away Home"

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Requests For Prayer

EDITOR'S NOTE: Notices of requests for prayer intended for publication on this page should be for healing. Requests will be accepted for those making them for themselves or for their family connection. It is better to make your request specific rather than to include several in one. The Evangel desires to be of the most good to the most people and desires that every inch of its space be used advantageously.

PRAY FOR-

The healing of my body.—Mrs. A. L. Nixon, Talladega, Ala.

The healing of a neighbor, Mr. Obe Majors, who is very sick.—Mae Terry, Cumming, Ga.

My daughter to be healed of something like rheumatism and dropsy, she is six years old.—Verdie Landrum, Rt. 1, Horton, Ala.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Gordon May, Rt. 3, Albertville, Ala.

The healing of Sister Hanks, she is seriously ill.—A friend, Matoaka, W. Va.

My family and me to be healed of the measles. — Nancy Stevens, Evinston, Ala.

The healing of my body, the doctor says I have pellagra. My neck is stiff.—Mrs. C. E. Griffith, Rt. 1, Garfield, Ga.

The healing of my body, I am suffering from a dangerous disease in my chest and from divers kinds of trouble; Sister Vivian Coach to be healed. — Brother Ezekiel Tennant, Haughton Court, Riverside P. O., B. W. I.

Me to be delivered of a heavy burden, it's so heavy I can't sleep at night. I have been a sinner but I am doing my best to get saved. Please pray for me.—Mrs. Clara Mims. Colquitt, Ga.

My side to be healed, also that I will be healed of a pain under my shoulder with which I have been bothered on and off for ten years. The pain is dreadful at times. I have a great horror for the pain as it so often strikes with such great force.—A sister in Christ, Ranger, Tex.

My body to be entirely healed, I am afraid I have cancers, and other ailments.

—A sister in the Lord, Ingham County, Mich.

My face is no better, in fact, it is getting worse, so please continue to pray; the healing of my wife.—J. U. Nabors, Star Rt., Houston, Miss.

The healing of my mother's side.—Miss Lydia Mae Ayers, Rt. 3, Tuscumbia, Ala.

My little girl to be healed of T. B. The doctor gave a test at school which showed she had T. B. germs. Me to be healed and have more faith.—Mrs. Frank Morrow, Birchwood, Tenn.

The healing of my little granddaughter who is very sick.—Mrs. D. T. Akin, Maud, Okla.

The healing of our pastor, Brother Ray Rodeheaver, who is very ill in the hospital with pneumonia.—Mrs. C. D. Nine, Rt. 2, St. George, W. Va.

The healing of my leg and knee of something like rheumatism.—Katie Belle Mathis, McRae, Ga.

Me to be healed; my cousin to be healed.—A brother in Christ, Rt. 1, Greenwood, W. Va.

Remember my family and me in prayer, I have been sick about four months.—Mrs. Ray Morgan, Hayesville, N. C.

Pray for my boy who seems to be losing his mind.—Zona Harrelson, Box 88, Grayson, La.

The healing of my mother's body of cancer.—Rev. Homer Y. Miolen, Dahlonega, Ga.

Me to be healed of rheumatism, I haven't been able to go about my work in about three years and haven't been able to get out in the service for the Lord and preach His Word in about a year. My feet and legs stay swollen all the time and so sore I can hardly stand my weight on them.—W. T. Pearson, Rt. 1, Box 67, Pikeville, Tenn.

God to heal me of a very serious ailment.—Robert V. Christian, Rt. 1, Zephyrhills, Fla.

The Lord to completely heal my body.

—Freda Coppel, Rt. 5, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The healing of our baby who is in the children's hospital in Birmingham and is to undergo an operation. He is in a serious condition. — Mr. and Mrs. Buster Reno, Kimberly, Ala.

The healing of my body, I have been sick twenty years.—Mrs. B. Scott, 3902 Nevada, Fresno, Calif.

The healing of my body; the healing of my mother's body, she is very low.—Amelia Shumaker, 3159 W. Monroe St.,

Chicago, Ill.

Me to be healed of a serious case of high blood pressure.—Lawrence Freeman, Monroe, Ga.

The healing of a lady who has T. B.— C. M. Jenkerson, Rock Hill, S. C.

My dear old blind mother to be healed and saved.—Maude Skinner, Box 213, Tice, Fla.

The healing of Sister Ida Mumpha, Sumiton, Ala.—W. Jarvis, Sumiton, Ala.

God to completely heal me.—Thos. G. Evans, Star Rt., Ensley, Ala.

The healing of Brother S. S. Monroe's body. His address is Shaw, Miss.—Calvin Patrick, Rt. 1, Merigold, Miss.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Nora Harmon, Isola, Miss.

GREAT CONVENTIONS IN

Our conventions are starting off this vear the best I have ever known in the great State of Kentucky. We started with the Harlan district, February 21-23. We found on this district the greatest loyalty that I have ever witnessed. The ministers were at their best. Everyone was at his post of duty. The convention started Friday evening with Brother Hicks, state overseer, Cecil Bridges, state superintendent, and Sam Holcomb in charge. We were favored with the Burnett sisters of B. T. S., and several of the students there to help out in the singing. Our mission offering was about twice as large this year as it was last, that is, the cash offering. This year it was \$157.15.

The following week we were on the Neon district with Brother Guthrie, and on this district we found the same kind of spirit but some opposition with snow all week, but in spite of this we received exactly twice as much mission money as last year. This offering amounted to \$66.68. There are only four churches on this district but God was there.

The week following, March 7-10, we were on one of our larger districts. Here we had the same thing to face-rain and snow all week-but the Lord smiled upon us from the very first service until the last. We had about all that could be seated in the church. The Friday night service in all these conventions is for the L. W. W. B. program and indeed they have been good. Saturday night is Y. P. E. night and Sunday morning the mission service. This is the Blue Diamond district and truly it was one of the best conventions so far this year, in ALL departments. We are now on the McVeigh district. Be on the watch for a great report from here.—Cecil Bridges, reporter of

NOTES From LETTERS

A Little Church With a Great Vision

"My little church at South Orland is doing wonderfully well, I think. I organized it last fall with seven members, and God has blessed it wonderfully. It is a real missionary church. I don't think it can be beat for its size. Last Sunday was our mission day. We raised \$230.52, besides a diamond ring, a gold cross and chain, and a \$50 gold watch. We all love Brother Brinsfield. He is working hard to build something in this hard field. Please pray for us.—Your brother, J. H. Davis, Orland, Maine."

May God continue to bless and help the work in the New England territory. They have had their burdens, but God is able to help them. God always blesses those who are interested in helping others.

Hurrah For Louisiana

"Dear Brother Walker:

"This is to let you know Louisiana is not asleep. Neither are we slack as some count slackness. We are awake and on the job for the program of the Church of God.

"Here is a check for missions, \$400; for aged ministers, \$17.71; and for orphanage, \$9.03. The total amount of the check, \$426.74. (A few days ago Shepherds Fold district sent \$25.00 for the Orphanage.) More is to follow yet. We have conducted only three of the least conventions. There are three more conventions, two camp meetings and the state convention. We have over half the total amount raised last year. We offer no prizes, give no gifts. All are working for the glory of God. We have not asked for one dime or one dollar, just preached and told the people to obey God. We lay the Bible down, and we come with tears, dimes, dollars, fives and tens. One lady gave about \$95.

"We are making a better gain in other lines than we are in missions. The spiritual tide is rising.

"We will have the camp meeting and state convention in Covington, Louisiana, at the fair grounds. It is a fine place, with everything but lights furnished free. I believe it is the best place in the state for the convention.—Yours for the Church of God, A. H. Batts."

May God continue to bless and help you folk in Louisiana.

"The Lord has been greatly blessing on this district. The new church building at Woodland is coming along fine. It will certainly be a nice building when it is completed. The folk there are planning to put a large neon sign on the top of the building, which can be seen from the main part of town and also from the main highway.

"We had a glorious convention at Silverton, Oregon, and received seven members into the Church there last Sunday night. They are in a revival meeting now. They expect to build a new church building soon. The church at Salem, Oregon, has just closed a revival campaign. Several prayed through to salvation and nine received the Baptism.

"We have purchased a lot here in Yakima in a good location. They are building a tabernacle on it now and will start a revival meeting soon. We expect to have several new church buildings up by the end of the year. By the way things are looking now, we believe we will more than double our membership this year. I have been on the go almost continually, but the Lord is blessing our efforts.—Your brother in Christ, John E. Douglas."

Brother Douglas also expresses the hope of gaining some very prominent, good ministers to help him in the work out there. May the Lord bless you, Brother Douglas, in your efforts to spread the gospel in the far-away Northwest.

"Dear Brother Walker:

"The West Frankfort district convention convened at Christopher over the last week end. God was in this convention in a mighty way. The attendance more than doubled that of last year. The mission offering also more than doubled. For last year the offering was \$56, this year \$115. The orphanage offering was \$15.00.

"We will have a good offering for the Orphanage Easter. The Lord is blessing us in our program and helping us to go over the top. We have some of the most loyal preachers in Illinois I have ever worked with. They stand by their overseer and help put the program over. We have sent in 352 subscriptions to the Evangel since the ministers' meeting and have several more promised.

"If we do not win the \$100, we are putting the Evangel in many homes. It is going into business places, garages, stores, offices, barber shops, and we are also putting it in saloons. It can preach where we preachers cannot go. We are trying to send the Evangel to tell the good news.

"Pray for us that God will help.—H. O. Harris."

May God continue to bless and help the faithful people of Illinois.

OUESTION BOX

(Continued from page 9) tribes in question is for the purpose of presenting an ideal delineation, prophecy of what might be expected one day to arise of evil to the cause and people of God from quarters and influences that should hold the same relative position toward them in the future, is possibly without question. It seems clear from the whole character of the delineation itself. St. John, in the Revelation, made use of a portion of Ezekiel's prophecies. Gog and his armies are to be destroyed before the millennium but it seems that at the end of the millennium there is a people which possess the same characteristics. Perhaps those scattered remnants of Gog's army that have gone through the millennium will be called again together to battle against the saints.

DELKOGRAMS

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When we build on the sand we don't want to hear thunder. If our heart condemns us not then have we confidence, courage, or boldness to come right to a throne of grace.

Praise God and bless His name, we can boldly say, "The Lord is our helper and we don't fear what people can do unto us." We also have boldness to enter into the Holy of holies by the precious blood of the Lamb.

Our greatest fear should be fear-lest we displease God by our fear of man. Only the fear of God can deliver us from the fear of man. The fear of man bringeth a snare. Prov. 29:35. If we don't have godly fear, some day we are sure to have guilty fear.

"Truly I am full of power (courage and boldness) by the spirit of the Lord," Micah 3:8.

I heard of a little boy telling how burglars came into his home and someone asked him what his dad did under such circumstances. The little fellow said, "He was not under circumstances, he was under the bed."

O Lord, help us to be strong and of good courage and play the men for our people and for the cities of our God. Amen.

SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL

CHARLESTON, S. C.—A successful revival was conducted by Brother and Sister Edwin M. Mortenson here. There were twenty saved, twelve sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost and fifteen added to the church. During the revival a big finance drive for the local church was completed. We received \$160.00 one Sunday morning; the L. W. W. B. at the same time paid \$65.00 and the Y. P. E. is placing money in the bank for another purpose.—L. W. McIntyre, 707 King St.

CHRIST'S COMING, THE HOPE OF THE FUTURE

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tion of the sons of God, and the sons of God will not be manifested until Christ shall appear in glory (Col. 3:1-4), then shall they appear with Him. "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom. 8:18-23). In the time of His kingdom it is prophesied that the wolf, the lamb, the leopard and the kid, the calf and the young lion will be so gentle and so harmless that a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall feed together; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like an ox, "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my mountain (kingdom): for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11:1-12). The nations will worship and praise the King. They will be renewed in spirit, and quickened in body. "There shall be no more an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days. They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble: for they are seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them" (Isa. 65:18-25). "Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee, then shall the earth vield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him" (Psa. 67).

4. The coming of Christ is the hope of the world.

Since the fall of man he has been trying to better his condition, and by the works of his own hands he has been hoping to get back to the place from which he fell. He wants and he hopes for a glorious kingdom of peace, rest and happiness, but he seeks it by his own endeavors, instead of obedience and faith in God, and the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In their quest for peace and rest they forget Him who made peace by the blood of His cross (Col. 1:20), and who said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28-30). It is a dangerous thing for a nation to forget God (Psa. 9:17) and a world to reject Christ. This world must meet God either in grace or judgment. They put Christ away, but He is coming back to them that look for Him (Heb. 9:28). To talk prosperity, to trust commerce, to pile up millions, to heap treasures together, to honor "the god of forces," to rely upon fleshly energy, to bow to science, to put confidence in leagues, pacts and federations is the clear-

est indication that we are in the closing hours of the last days of this age. That means that the times of the Gentiles are closing, the Jews are returning to their home land, an elect company of believers are lifting up their heads and looking up (Luke 21:24-28), because their redemption draweth nigh. The world is in unrest. The people want peace. But there is only one peace that will be world-wide and will last. It is the peace of God as it shall be established on the earth by Jesus Christ His Son. "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and his name shall be called . . . the Prince of peace . . . Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end" (Isa. 9:6). "He shall speak peace unto the nations: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth" (Zech. 9:10. R. V.). The Lord Jesus at His coming will not only bring under control the rebellious human spirit of war, but He will also put an end to the present real, though unseen intervention of Satan in the affairs of the world. The Prince of peace will master the Prince of the power of the air (Rev. 16:17), and the demons of war. The soon returning Lord of glory will set up the only League of Nations that can succeed, and bring lasting peace, and make the world safe to live in. This you will find in Isaiah

Hallelujah! "Even so, come, Lord Je-

WHERE ARE THE DEAD? (Continued from page 3)

that can die. That soul is somewhere all the time, AWAKE. Nowhere in the Bible can you find SOUL SLEEPING, therefore it is not a Bible doctrine.

Surely you will admit that it would be impossible for a person's body to last as long as we have record of the rich man and Abraham conversing one with another, yes, from one compartment to another. It was hundreds of years from the time they died to the time that Jesus was speaking of the matter, because the Bible says that the rich man's brothers have Moses and the prophets to hear, and if they won't hear them they won't hear one though he rose from the dead.

What we have reference to about the two compartments, is as follows: Before the resurrection of Christ, the place of the righteous and the wicked both were under the ground. That is where Jesus preached to the spirits in prison. But when Jesus arose He led captivity captive. Eph. 4:8-10, "Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)" Now

if paradise had been UP in the first place, Jesus would never have had to lead captivity captive.

To prove that now when the righteous dies the soul goes on to the glory world, which has been in effect ever since the resurrection of Christ, we comment as follows: Paul was stoned one time and they thought he was dead. He went to the third heaven, the paradise of God, where he heard things unspeakable, not lawful for a man to utter. 2 Cor. 12:1-5. For further proof where we go if saved at death of the body, read 2 Cor. 5:6, 8. "Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." Paul leaves an inference here that at the time the mortal body dies, we are present with the

Some may ask the question, if the righteous and the wicked go to their respective places, why then have a judgment? For a natural illustration concerning this matter and that you may better understand what I mean, just remember that when a person commits a serious crime he is put in prison, awaits court, then appears before the court to have his case decided, and we see him sentenced to the penitentiary for his trouble. Well, when the righteous and the sinner die in body, they go to their own places. Since souls do not and cannot die, then the only thing to do is let them go to their place to await the judgment day of Almighty God, because all sinners will appear before the judgment bar of God. So there must be some place to keep them until that day.

The remarks of Jesus concerning the rich man could be no better pictured to the mind as to the condition of the sinner, than is already pictured. That same thing goes for today. At times we are made to wonder about the mysteries of God, but there is no use to wonder as His will must come to pass, regardless of what we think, say, or do about it. Amen.

HISTORY OF BETHELITE MISSION

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strange at first, but after a short while I became accustomed to them. The natives greatly impressed me by their sincerity and loyalty. They reverently admire and respect an American missionary. After six months of laboring in the almshouses (homes for the aged and infirm) openair meetings, and witnessing many souls won to Christ and seeing many healed of their infirmities, for truly He is the same yesterday and forever (Heb. 13:8), I felt led by the Lord to open a mission. A small place was procured, seating about

fifty persons, so after training a choir of ten small boys, we held our first dedicatorial services, April 15, 1928.

One year before I went to the island, the Lord had given me the name "Bethel Light," and so our first mission was thus named. The opening night of our revival nine precious souls wept their way to the altar. Witnessing the power of God in the first meeting, the Christian native workers came and eagerly volunteered their services to assist in the mission. I did my best as God had called me to bring men out of darkness into this marvelous light, then at the end of six months we were compelled to move to another village but truly God was in the plan. Our second day here we began our visits of mercy. By special request we visited a humble home of a seriously ill young man. Fred Reeves had been given up by the doctors. Daily I made my way to this home to pray and read the Scripture and sing with him. At last he gave his heart to the Lord, and was gloriously saved. Before he went home to be with Jesus he gave the most wonderful, vibrant and ringing testimony. It was on the lips of many, both old and young. The young people were greatly impressed and many between the ages of eleven and twentyfive were gloriously saved through the testimony of Fred Reeves. Our first baptismal service caused a great stir and aroused much curiosity because a woman was to do the baptizing. But being confident in His Word, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world," Matt. 28:19, we buried them in the water according to Rom. 6:4, "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." As I scanned the shore and watched the curiosity-filled crowd gather. I was reminded of John the Baptist when he said, "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" Matt. 3:7. Out of this crowd many who came just out of curiosity were sweetly saved. Among this number was a native girl, named Miss Mota Barrow. Later she was called into the ministry. She is now my very able co-worker, and has been a wonderful help and blessing wherever we have gone to carry the precious Word. As our followers increased, our place became too small to accommodate the people, so in 1929, by the help of God, we built a mission of our own. Some time previously to building, God had painted a very realistic picture of this structure in my mind. With these God-given plans and ideas, I consulted Mr. Arthur Coleman, an English contractor and wonderful child of God. He so graciously carried out my every wish in the construction. He has now gone to be with Jesus. His kindness still

lingers in my memory.

Two weeks after completing our new mission, we had our first wedding ceremony performed by our Rev. M. B. Prettyjohn, who has been with us in the work for more than ten years. I want you to pray earnestly that he will remain true to God. Since that time many have been united in holy matrimony, hundreds buried in water baptism, and a number that have been saved have fallen asleep in Jesus to be awakened on that great resurrection morning.

In 1930 I returned home, God blessed me and opened many doors for me on the Pacific Coast. I held revivals and was able to raise money to pay for our first mission which cost over nine hundred dollars. I was able to remain home for sixteen months and then return to our mission field again. We found the work in good condition. Our faithful native workers had been loyal in carrying on the work of God in our absence. After five more years of earnest labor we had the privilege of going into Fitz Village, St. James, which is also in the Island of Barbados. God blessed our band of workers and we were able to start a mission there. and a good foundation was laid, but we were greatly in need of finance. So I again returned to my homeland in 1936 where again the Lord opened the way for me to hold revivals, and blessed in raising money to pay for this the second mission, which cost over sixteen hundred dollars when finished, while we were laboring in the homeland the native workers were again doing their best in carrying on the work in Barbados. We were able to return again in 1938 to our work in the West Indies.

God continued to bless us and make us a blessing to many. Truly it has been a great struggle to carry on our work here, but I've counted it a joy every step of the way. It has been much with us as it was with the apostle Paul, we have met with many false brethren, and would have been shipwrecked had we not believed in His sweet promises to Peter, "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it,' Matt. 16:18. We are counting on this work to stand till Jesus comes, when we shall hear His "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." At this time, after much thought and prayer, we feel that it is the mind of God for our two missions to be united with the New Testament Church of God. In so doing we are turning in all that we have of earthly possessions, but feeling that if we should fall asleep this work will go on to the honor and glory of God. We thank God for our overseer, J. B. Winter, who is doing all he can to extend the work of God in every way possible. Now I'll be glad to get a personal letter from any member of this great Church of God family, to encourage me on my way. I longed to bring souls to Jesus, To shine as gems at His feet, With faces looking upward to heaven, Expecting some day their Savior to meet.

I live only now for the Master, For everything else seems defeat; But to go out in the highway and hedges And compel men to bow at His feet.

I invite you to come to the Savior For He is so gentle and sweet; He will blot out your transgressions, If your load you will lay at His feet.

LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

(Continued from page 8) kings of the earth, AND THEIR ARM-IES, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse (CHRIST) and against his army." There is only one remedy for the people. Luke 21:36: "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." The writer knows very little about the deep things of prophecy but would urge our people to pray earnestly for our young men that they may be fighting on the right side. In other words, go into the service of our country, but go with the indwelling Christ in their hearts.

BOAZ, ALA., DISTRICT S. S. AND Y. P. E. CONVENTION

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\$5.10. A wonderful message was given by Brother T. G. Pearson, state superintendent. The service in the afternoon opened with the Lord blessing. Brother W. H. Preston brought another wonderful message. Since his talk we have a desire to make our Sunday school grow. Brother Eldridge Green spoke on missions; it was a wonderful message. Every eye was filled with tears. God's anointing was with him from the beginning. Surely we all want to do more for missions. An offering of \$90.64 was taken after the message. Services closed with everyone praising God.-Olera Haves, Boaz, Ala.

WONDERFUL REVIVAL

GREENVILLE, Miss.-A wonderful revival has just closed at the Church of God at Greenville, Miss. The revival ran three weeks with three receiving the Holy Ghost and two being reclaimed. A number were saved and sanctified. The saints were greatly revived and the power of God seemed to come down at times so great that our cups would run over with joy and it seemed the whole house was filled with the glory of God. The revival was conducted by Rev. E. L. Newton. Pray for us at Greenville.—P. W. Herman, clerk, Box 583.



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